

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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Demonetisation
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of people do not have bank account in the country so far; and
- (b) if so, the arrangements made by the Government for such person after demonetisation for exchange and withdrawal of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 currency?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance

(a) and (b) Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), 25.68 crore accounts have been opened across the country till 23.11.2016.

Government has advised banks to distribute and activate RuPay cards expeditiously, increase cash holding limit of Bank Mitras, install micro-ATM and Point of Sale (PoS) machines, provide cheque books over the counter, dispensing cash through PoS machines. In addition, Government has advised banks to make special arrangements in camp mode to open bank account for those who do not have bank account and make arrangements for cash withdrawal and deposits in their accounts for plantation, beedi, construction workers and unorganized labourers.
